

## SEEK TO SOLVE PROBLEMS IN BASEBALL

Occupy Minds of National League Magnates in Annual Meeting.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Reconstruction problems in baseball with the possibility of the adoption of a reformation policy for the coming season, occupied the minds of the National League magnates at the opening session of the annual meeting here this afternoon.

Pending the arrival of August Herrmann, of the Cincinnati club, and chairman of the National League, the members of the owners continued the informal conference they have been holding since Sunday.

The election of a successor to John K. Tener as president is the principal business item on the agenda.

The field of presidential candidates has narrowed down to John A. Heyler, present secretary-treasurer, and John Conway Toney, who has served as counsel for the league and the national association.

Another interesting question has to do with the standing of Fred Mitchell, recently elected president of the Chicago club. Under the constitution no player or manager is permitted to represent a club at a league meeting, and so far as is known, Mitchell still holds the manager's authority.

The board of directors will meet today and probably will be occupied with routine business. Awarding of the pennant to the Chicago club also will be a feature.

Discussion of policies for the 1919 season is likely to extend over several days.

## COMMISH ALL POWERFUL

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—The national commission will become the sole administrative power of baseball, settling the disputes of major and minor leagues alike, if a program agreed on at a conference between President Ban Johnson, of the American league, and A. R. Toney, president of the Three-I league, be carried out.

President Toney, who is chairman of a minor league committee appointed to demand several reforms from the majors in regard to the draft and farming out of players, said that at his suggestion a joint meeting of committees from the American and the National leagues and the minor leagues probably would be held in Chicago in January to take action on the proposals.

President Johnson agrees with me that the board of arbitration of the National Association of Minor Leagues is unwieldy and, in fact, unnecessary," President Toney said. "It is our plan to wipe it out and have the national commission the only court of appeal."

## TO RESUME BASKETBALL

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Intercollegiate basketball will be resumed this season, but there will be no championship series and no title will be awarded by the intercollegiate league, according to an announcement by Ralph Morgan, secretary of the league.

Morgan explained that the decision not to award a title was based on the fact that Columbia, Cornell, Princeton and Yale each have two legs on the Hoppy trophy and that it would be unfair to hold a championship series which would result in the winning of the championship by one of these four, as at least two of the teams have lost virtually all of their players because of the war.

Cornell, he added, probably will not have a team and the schedule will be made up of only six games—Columbia, Yale, Pennsylvania and Princeton.

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## St. Frisco, Famous Grand Circuit Trotter, Is Dead

Ruptured Blood Vessel Causes Demise of Great Stallion at Memphis Driving Park.

The great trotting stallion, St. Frisco, 2:01 1/4, owned by F. G. Jones, of Memphis, and in the stable of E. E. Geers, died Saturday night at the North Memphis track.

An autopsy showed he had some liver and kidney disease, but the cause of his death was a ruptured blood vessel which involved a lung.

He was the world's champion trotting stallion in a race and in the past 25 years he ranked third as the world's fastest trotting stallion in either a race or an exhibition.

Lee Alexander, 54, who was found dead in his stall recently, and The Harvester, 2:01, alone went faster than St. Frisco, and both of their miles were against time and not in races.

Was Seven Years Old.

St. Frisco was but seven years old and his death is a terrible blow to the only man he was expected to race successfully several years more, but he would have been one of the most valuable sires in the world on account of his splendid breeding and great individuality.

Mr. Geers drove him an exhibition mile at the fairgrounds several weeks ago for the benefit of the war work fund, and the big trotter looked to be in superb condition at that time.

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